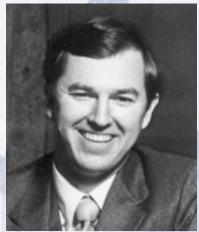
2000 Mid-Session Update and Questionnaire



Representative
Steve Van Luven
48th District

Co-Chairman -Trade, Economic Development and Housing Committee

House of Representatives

Dear Friends,

As you know, funding issues following the passage of Initiative 695 continue to dominate the 2000 legislative session. We only have a few weeks remaining of the scheduled 60-day session to deal with many of these issues.

Please be assured that education remains one of my top priorities in the Legislature. As we deal with the funding issues of I-695, I will do all that I can to protect education funding.

Other priorities include limiting taxes and making government more efficient with your tax dollars, funding transportation, and preserving police and fire services.

The 48th District is especially affected by traffic congestion and other transportation needs, growth management and other issues. That's why I am taking this opportunity to ask you about some of your priorities. Please take a moment to fill out this survey and return it to me. Your answers will help me when I am voting on those items affecting our local area. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,



Rep. Steve Van Luven

Join us for a town hall meeting!

I want to hear from you! Bring your thoughts, concerns and ideas about state government to an upcoming town hall meeting with me, Rep. Luke Esser and Sen. Dan McDonald. We'll openly discuss the activities of the legislative session and try to answer any questions you may have.

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000

10 a.m. - noon Kirkland City Hall, Peter Kirk Room [lower level] 123 - 5th Ave, Kirkland

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2000 AGENDA

"Limiting Taxes and Making Government Work!"

- Build the public's trust by changing the way government does business.
- Provide quality education by letting children learn, letting teachers teach and letting parents choose.
- Improve transportation by reducing traffic congestion and improving safety.
- Keep neighborhoods and communities safe by preserving local police and fire services.



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Van Luven wants to hear from the people!

Since the passage of Initiative 695 in November, I've heard a lot of advice from lobbyists, business groups, city and

county officials and fellow lawmakers about how the Legislature should respond. But my primary responsibility is to listen to you, the people. I want to know what you think about this and the various issues affecting the 48th District. I would appreciate your help in completing this survey so that I may have a better understanding about your viewpoints.

I have provided several questions below. However, I realize they only cover a few of our local and statewide issues. If there is an issue you are concerned about which is not covered here, please use the space at the bottom of the survey to write your comments. Thank you in advance for your participation.

In November 1998, voters approved Referendum 49 which was to use part of the state's surplus revenue for transportation. Initiative 695, approved by voters this past November, removes a major source of that transportation funding (motor vehicle excise tax). The Legislature must now prioritize which transportation projects will move forward and which will not. The following is the list of 15 transportation projects that were approved by the Legislature last year for the 48th District. Please prioritize which ones you feel are most important for completion, "1" being the most important, "2" being the second most important, on down to "15" being the least important.

Interstate 405

 Interstate 405 corridor study (to determine how to relieve traffic congestion on I-405)
 Coal Creek Parkway to State Route 522 - Move HOV lane from outside to inside
 _ Coal Creek to Bellevue - Construct HOV lanes in both directions
 Kirkland to Bothell - Construct additional HOV lanes
 _ Construct a new interchange on Interstate 405 and Northeast 8 th
 _ Improve safety features on the northbound off ramp to State Route 908, Kirkland-Redmond exit
 Retrofit bridges from Kirkland to

Renton and along Interstate 90 to reduce earthquake damage

State Route 520	One of the fastest growing
State Route 520 transportation study (to determine alternatives for traffic crossing Lake Washington) Evergreen Point Bridge - Reha-	congested highways in our local area is the West Lake Sammamish Parkway. It is in disrepair and often, traffic is bumper-to-bumper in the morning and the evening. What do you think should be done to lessen
bilitate and strengthen the existing bridge	the traffic impact on this road? Additional stop lights or stop
104 th Avenue Northeast to 124 th Ave Northeast - Construct east-and westbound HOV lanes on State Route 520.	signs Additional lanes (difficult and very expensive to do because of its geography)
124 th Avenue Northeast to West Lake Sammamish Parkway - Construct east- and westbound HOV lanes on State Route 520.	Add a middle turn lane (also difficult and expensive because of geography)
Northeast 40 th Street and State Route 520 - Construct inter- change with additional lanes	Do nothing at this time. Not a priority. Other suggestions

Traffic is becoming so congested in our local area that motorists are often leaving the freeways and traveling through residential areas to get to their destination. This presents some safety problems, not to mention additional traffic, on residential streets. Of particular concern is 84th Avenue Northeast through the Medina, Clyde Hill and Hunts Point area leading to the onramp onto State Route 520. Should this freeway onramp be closed during peak rush hour traffic times?

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92nd Avenue Northeast Bridge -Clyde Hill - Construct sidewalk

State Route 520 - Construct

bicycle/pedestrian path from

undercrossing under State Route

for pedestrian safety

Bellevue to Redmond

Retrofit the pedestrian

earthquake damage

520 at Medina to reduce

Yes	No

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eliminated, how should the state pay for critical transportation improve- ments?
Downsize and prioritize the transportation project list and use up the state's existing surplus revenue (would cover only a small portion of the needed projects)
Increase the state's gasoline tax
Seek other permanent revenue sources, such as
Dedicate money from the state's general fund to offset future losses (could put transportation funding in competition with education funding)
Other suggestions
Should the Legislature restore funding for the Metro bus system and other statewide transit systems lost to I-695 — even if it means taking money from road projects?
YesNo
please answer this question: About 88 percent of our state general fund budget goes to two areas - education (58 percent) and social services (30 percent). If we have to make cuts to pay for transit funding lost to I-695, which would you cut?
Education (K-12 and higher education)
Social services (welfare, developmentally disabled, mentally ill, senior citizens)
Other suggestions for funding

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Now that a major source of

vehicle excise tax) has been

transportation funding (motor

In my travels to places around the world, I discovered that many people are very familiar with the city of Redmond. This is largely because our local area is thought of as the high-tech and software industry capitol of the world. I live in a "cutting-edge" district and I'm looking for suggestions of how I could be a "cutting edge legislator." If you work in the software or high-tech field, I'd like to hear from you. Are there more innovative ways in the wired world that I could be communicating, such as e-mail (which I use now)? Or would you have any ideas involving the use of high tech that would be helpful to me? Please add your comments below. (My e-mail address is:

vanluven st@leg.wa.gov)



During the November 1992 general election, voters passed a campaign-reform measure, Initiative 134. Part of this initiative includes a section which limits the ability of legislators to communicate with constituents during an election year. With this in mind, please tell me:

copy of this survey's results?	
YesNo	
If you marked yes, please prov your name and address below so th I may respond. (Please print legibly	hat
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City	WA
Zip	
E-mail	

Except for two newsletter opportunities which Initiative 134 allows us this year, please note that I am prohibited from corresponding with you unless I receive a specific request for information from you.

Name	
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City	WA
Zip Code	
E mail	



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Come and see the Capitol!

I am pleased to invite you to Olympia Feb. 23 for the "48th District Day." Meet in the Capitol rotunda at the Washington state seal at 10 a.m. A tour of the governor's mansion and the House and Senate chambers will be provided. You may bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch in the public cafeteria in the Capitol building. During the lunch hour, I will be available to meet with you, along with Rep. Luke Esser and Sen. Dan McDonald. If you would like to join us, please provide your name and phone number below and mail this information (with the survey) to my office.

Yes, I will be attending the 48th District Day.

Name .	 	
Phone		



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